

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

PACHUK et al.

CASE NO: 26788-024

SERIAL NO: 10/560,377

GROUP ART UNIT: Unknown

FILED: DECEMBER 12, 2005

EXAMINER: Unknown

FOR: CONSERVED HBV AND HCV  
SEQUENCES USEFUL FOR GENE  
SILENCING

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the amendments below prior to examining the above-identified application on its merits.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 59 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 72 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 73 of this paper.